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Well let's pass it up as a subject of conversation—this government isn't going to rack and ruin just because the republican party has got black in the face.

A NEWSPAPER, whose columns overflow with advertisements of business men, has more influence in attracting attention to building up a town, than any other agency that can be employed. People go where there is business. Capital and labor go where there is an enterprising community. No power on earth is so strong to build up a town so well as a news paper well patronized, and its power should be appreciated. The man who overlooks his town paper injures himself by injuring his town and townsmen.—John Wanamaker.

The girl who expressed so much sympathy for the poor farmer because of his cold job in harvesting his winter wheat is equal in agricultural knowledge to the one who expressed a desire to see a field of tobacco when it is just plugging out. But the damsel who asked which cow gives the butter was entitled to the whole bakery. And a girl on her return from a visit to the country who was asked if she ever saw anyone milk a cow, replied: "Oh yes, indeed I have; it just tickles me to death to see uncle jerk two of the cow's faucets at the same time."

Says the Houston Post: Hanna is the logical nominee of the republicans for the presidency three years hence, but then Hanna has at least arrived at years of discretion. Youth isn't a good thing in the White House. We feel about that as the fellow felt in the storm at sea. "O Lord," he prayed, "O Lord! come down and help us! but don't send your son, Lord, for this is no place for boys." Then too, it may make the old man glad to nominate him and it won't hurt anything to do so, as the next president will be a democrat anyhow.

A HOUSTON, TEXAS, man gave expression to the following a few days ago: "Governor Hogges' reference to the Roosevelt-Washington dinner reminds me of the way in which my wife gave expression to her views on the subject. For some time past a picture of Roosevelt has occupied a prominent position on the wall of our dining room. Every member of the family was an admirer of the Rough Rider, and when he became president all of us felt proud of having appreciated his greatness when he held less important positions. Things rocked along that way until the dinner incident. On the evening of the day on which The Post printed a number of expressions on the subject from the principal papers of the country, I went home to find nothing but blank wall where formerly the picture of the strenuous one had reposed. 'Where's the picture?' I asked my wife. She led me into the kitchen where the first thing I observed was our colored cook in the complete enjoyment of her supper. Following my wife's glance I saw the picture of our president on the wall just above the table at which sat the cook. 'I thought,' said my wife, as we turned to leave the room, 'that I'd give him a chance to entertain representatives of Booker T. Washington's race at every meal.' The picture is still on the kitchen wall."

Look out for the bargain counter a Layton, Allred & Co's. 481f

WHY WOMEN SHOULD VOTE.

In discussing woman suffrage Progress says: The general argument for woman suffrage is the same as the argument for having a republic rather than a monarchy. It is fair and right that those who must obey the laws should have a voice in making them, and that those who are obliged to pay the taxes should have a voice as to the amount of the tax and the way in which the tax-money shall be spent. Roughly stated, the fundamental principle of a republic is this: In deciding what is to be done, where everybody's interests are concerned, we take everybody's opinion, and go according to the wish of the majority. Since we cannot suit everybody, we do what will suit the greatest number. That seems to be, on the whole, the fairest way. A vote is simply a written expression of opinion, written down and put into a box so that it may be counted. In thus taking a vote to get at the wish of the majority, certain classes of persons are always passed over, whose opinions, for one reason or another, are thought not to be worth counting. In most of our States, these classes are children, aliens, idiots, lunatics, criminals and women. There are good and obvious reasons for making all these exceptions but the last. It is clear that no account ought to be taken of the opinion of children, lunatics or criminals. Is there any equally good reason why no account should be taken of the opinions of women? If not, it would seem that women ought to have a vote, on general principles of fair play.

ATTORNEY GENERAL DECLINES.

Attorney General Ainsworth has refused to bring suit against Auditor Vickers, his bondsmen and the persons to whom warrants are alleged to have been illegally issued as demanded recently in a communication addressed to the attorney general by Mr. Thomas F. Wilson, of Tucson.

In declining to bring these suits, says the Citizen, the attorney general has not surprised anyone. The servitor is not apt to disobey the orders of his master, and nothing is better known than that Governor Murphy is the master of Mr. Attorney General Ainsworth. But it was not necessary for the attorney general to quibble and pettyfog or attempt to draw a red herring across the trail of the illegal warrants. The committee of the council that investigated the auditor last winter took the numbers of the warrants given by him, and if he was mistaken or if the stenographer or typewriter who took his testimony, was incorrect in writing numerals, the situation was not materially altered. The attorney general and the auditor are not paid out of the contingent fund and it is the robbers of the contingent fund that Mr. Wilson is seeking to bring to justice.

Of course, the request to the attorney general that he bring the suits was a mere formality of law. No one expected that he would do it. He has too much regard for his job. But the suits will be brought just the same, and the attorney general will not be an embarrassment to those who are seeking to compel restitution of public money unlawfully extracted from the treasury.

We think it can safely be assumed that the elimination of the attorney general from the proceeding will be in the interest of justice and that Mr. Wilson and his associates can be relied upon to make the issue of the suits plain enough to satisfy Court and Jury, and the taxpayers whose rights are paramount and whose interests the attorney general has declined to consider.

Fine Land For Sale.

We have just secured a large tract of land to sell at prices and terms the most liberal ever offered in the Gila valley. Water rights with the land. Title perfect. Land lies on the south side of the Gila river opposite the Indian Hot Springs. Land to be sold in tracts to suit purchaser. No money down the first year.

Inquire for further particulars of Buss & Birdno, Safford, or LOUIS VOELKEL, Thomas.

SANTA FE ROUTE.

Daily sleeping cars from Deming to Denver, Kansas City and Chicago.

Leaves Deming 8:20 p. m. Arrives Deming 7 a. m. Agent Santa Fe Route, Deming, will make reservations.

An Explanation

Are We Closing Out?

This question has been asked by a number of people We take this method of informing our friends, patrons and the general public that

We Are Closing Out

At prices that defy competition. We are doing more we are filling in with new goods which we are selling at **Closing out prices.** We are still in the ring and are giving better values for the money, than any other store in the Gila Valley.

Grand Shoe Sale This Week.

Next week will commence our great slaughter sale of Clothing for men and boys, and hats will be sacrificed also. Come and examine our stock, buy some goods, and then go to your wife, your wives brother or your mother-in-law and shout "Eureka," I have found the standard place to trade.

Offering best values for your money we remain:

Yours, Sure To Please.

BIRDNO BROS.

E. F. BUSS, Manager.

Safford, Arizona

The Racketeer.

R. H. Beers, of Thatcher.

Absolutely defies competition on prices for anything in his line. He is now selling Hamiltons prints, all patterns, at per yard 5cts 41-2c Shirting calicoes at, per yard. \$2.50 Men's shoes, calf, \$1.60 to 2.50 Ladies shoes from \$1.15 to 1.10 Children's school shoes from 90cts to 1.90 Mens suits, worsted 89 50 Men's suits, black clay, worsted, 16 oz; all wool Lard 5lb. pail 65cts and all all other groceries in proportion.

All kind of hardware at bed-rock prices

THEATRE!

Thursday, Nov. 14.

OPERA HOUSE SAFFORD.

THE ARIZONA COMEDY COMPANY

Will present their beautiful and thrilling Drama,

"A CELEBRATED CASE."

CAST OF CHARACTERS. [Prologue:]

John Renaud Count d'Aubeterre (Col. of Regiment Lazare (a camp follower Sergeant O'Rourke The Captain Seneschal of Montagne Madeline Renaud, (John's wife) Adrienne Renaud (John's daughter) Martha Julia Annette	John J. Birdno J. B. Pace R. W. Smith Wilson Lambert Jos. Carpenter Cowell Cosby Josie Cluff Priscilla Phillips Cynthia Layton Nellie Claridge Zina Robinson
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Soldiers, etc.

CHARACTERS IN PLAY—

John Renaud (condemned to the galleys for life) Count de Mornay (returned from exile) Duke d'Aubeterre, Viscount Raoul de Langey Sergeant O'Rourke Captain Joseph Adrienne, (the Duke's adopted daughter) Valentine de Mornay Duchesse d'Aubeterre Chanoinesse of the College d'Hyeres Julia	John J. Birdno R. W. Smith J. B. Pace Cowell Cosby Wilson Lambert Jos. Carpenter Jos. Layton Josie Cluff Mrs. Lillian Maeser Zina Robinson Cynthia Layton Nellie Claridge
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Soldiers, convicts, etc.

SYNOPSIS:

PROLOGUE, PART I.—The night before Fontenoy—John secretly visits home at night—Lazare follows him from the field—the robbery and murder.

PART II.—Day after the battle—the accusation and arrest—parting of father and child.

THE PLAY.—Act I.—Park of the Chateau d'Aubeterre—Adrienne troubled—Chanoinesse assists the lovers—The galley slaves—Meeting of father and daughter—Adrienne to help her father.

Act II.—Adrienne reveals the fact that father lives—O'Rourke remains loyal—Raoul is true—Return of Count de Mornay—Meeting of the Count and his daughter—Asked to clear Renaud.

Act III.—Violent scene between father and daughter—The fatal jewels—Valentine discovers that her father is the real assassin—"For the last five minutes my daughter has been mad."

Act IV.—Raoul gives Adrienne new courage—John sent for—Denounces the Count as the assassin—An impostor and assassin—The arrest—Re-united after 12 years a convict.

Tickets for sale at Furniture Store.

Admission 25c. Reserved Seats 50c

Man's Voice in the Harem.

"Perhaps the strangest place where the American graphophone has found a welcome is the harem of the unspeakable Turk. No man may enter there except the lord and master. But he has graciously permitted the voice of man to be heard in the marvelous American talking machine. No entertainer," says an American resident in Constantinople "was ever so popular as the graphophone, although the harem has been well supplied with musical instruments. For a long time, as I am informed by a dealer, it was not clearly understood why so many graphophones per capita were used in Turkey than in countries where the monogamous marriage is in vogue, and where the prevailing ethics sanction intercourse among ladies and gentlemen."—Anstee's.

Pointed Paragraphs.

Love may be blind, but it is an expert at making spectacles. In traveling on the road to wealth it pays to keep to the right. More men find it easier to drink out of a bottle than to feed a baby. For every historical fact there are two or more historical falsehoods. Egotism which leads a man to head a charitable subscription list is excusable. A young man in love can never see anything in his rival that would attract a girl. A woman always has a secret liking for any man who makes a fool of himself over her. Present opinions of the average man are apt to conflict seriously with his past opinions. Probably the firm establishment of the golden rule is due to the fact that the exception proves the rule. If a pessimist is born with a silver spoon in his mouth he expects it to choke him to death sooner or later. When a man starts a fight before taking the measure of his adversary he may have his own measure taken by the undertaker later. —Chicago News.

An Important Arrest.

Deputy Sheriffs John Parks and Lee Hobbs visited the Blue country last week and arrested Sidney Johnson, who, it is alleged, held up a saloon at Naco several weeks ago and relieved it of \$1200 in Mexican money, and disappeared, since which time no trace of him was had until his arrest. He is a hard-looking young man—a mere boy. He was most indifferently clad, and did not have the appearance of ever having had any money. He was brought into Clifton and taken to Solomonville by the deputies who made the arrest and he acknowledged to them that he had gambled off his money, but denied having been implicated in the hold-up. From Solomonville he was taken to Benson by Sheriff Parks, where he was turned over to the sheriff of Cochise county, who at once recognized the prisoner as the man wanted. He is now in jail at Tombstone, and if proven guilty will no doubt get a sentence of several years at Yuma. The capture of the highwayman is a good card for the sheriff's office.—Era.

NOT AN EMPTY STOCKING.

Why Not Make This The Feature of The Century's First Christmas?

Just imagine a Christmas morning when not one child in all this land who hung up a stocking the night before should find it empty on awakening! Think of the joy that would be let loose in this old world! How can it be done?

In the October Ladies' Home Journal the president of the Sunshine Society started the ball rolling. She suggested that an "Empty Stocking Club" be formed in every city and town in the country. The "Empty Stocking Club" is a monument to a man and a woman the world will not soon forget—M. F. Woolf, the artist to the poor, and Ruth Ashmore, the best friend the American girl ever had. In December, 1896, Mr. Woolf had a page of his drawings in the Ladies' Home Journal. One showed the bitter disappointment of two wails, who crawled out of a forlorn bed to find their ragged stockings empty. This picture brought tears to the eyes of thousands, but to Ruth Ashmore it brought more than tears. She conceived and spread abroad the idea of "Empty Stocking Clubs". The sole object was to provide "fillings" for the stockings of poor children. These clubs sprang up everywhere, and on Christmas Day 1897, many a sad little life was filled with happiness. Then Ruth Ashmore died. The "Empty Stocking Clubs" became fewer. Now the idea has been revived. It is just time to begin forming the clubs. And what a fine thing it would be if in after years to come the Christmas of 1901 could be called as the "full-stocking" Christmas. Isn't it worth while?

Ladies we are pleased to announce that we have secured the agency for the Celebrated Toilet Soap, named Eudora, and will guarantee it to please the most fastidious. Taylor Cyclone Mercantile Co., Safford; Clarence & Hunt, Thatcher. 30-6m

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